

## **SITUATION REPORT NO. 2**

**INCIDENT NO. 2001-103**

**DATE: September 12, 2001    TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Increased Security – In response to a series of terrorist attacks on the United States, North Dakota state agencies and military installations have taken precautions to increase security.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported in North Dakota.
3. DAMAGES: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has placed airports on Alert Level 4, which requires immediate evacuation of all airport terminals and mandates searches for explosives, dangerous weapons or objects. The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission reported that the state's air carrier airports are complying with this requirement. Alert Level 4 also requires increased levels of patrols by uniformed or plain clothes security. The Aeronautics Commission also reported today that flight restrictions remain in place throughout the United States. Military and emergency medical and evacuation flights will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: Local agencies on heightened alert include law enforcement, fire departments, city and county administration offices, human services, public works departments, communications centers, emergency management offices and emergency medical services.  
STATE: All state agencies have initiated increased security measures.  
FEDERAL: Federal agencies involved with increased security efforts in North Dakota include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The Family Assistance Center for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, has established a toll-free number, (800) 331-0075, for inquiries from families and friends of people who may have been affected by the terrorist activity. The agency also has a website for inquiries:  
[www.responsecare.com](http://www.responsecare.com).

Families and friends inquiring about the welfare of people who may have been affected by the terrorist activity should call their local chapter of the American Red Cross or (800)-252-6746. The number for inquiries related to blood donations is (800) GIVE-LIFE, (800)-448-3543.

In Grand Forks, the American Red Cross and the United Way of Grand Forks are hosting a meeting today for all mental health providers. Participants will discuss potential mental health issues related to terrorist activity.

The Northeast Human Service Center in Grand Forks has set up a local crisis line, (701) 775-0525.

Relatives of American Airline passengers inquiring about family members should call (800) 245-0999. The number for inquiries about United Airlines passengers is (800) 932-8555.

The New York State Emergency Management Office has provided the toll-free number for monetary and other voluntary contributions. The number is (800) 801-8092.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor John Hoeven announced today that all North Dakota state agencies and security forces remain on heightened alert. During a press conference, he stressed the importance of not overreacting to the current situation. The Governor also said state government agencies are functioning as usual. Earlier this morning, the Governor conducted a state agency briefing attended by representatives of his office, the N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT), the N.D. National Guard, the N.D. Division of Emergency Management, the N.D. Department of Health, the N.D. Office of Management and Budget and the N.D. Highway Patrol.

In response to consumer concerns about increased fuel prices, the N.D. Attorney General urged representatives of the petroleum industry to return fuel prices to September 10<sup>th</sup> levels. According to the Attorney General's Office, the American Petroleum Institute indicated that wholesale prices are stable and several major marketers are freezing prices to retailers. The N.D. Petroleum Marketers Association agreed to send a message from the Attorney General to its 310 members. In the memo, the Attorney General indicated that, under the deceptive practices act, his office has authority to investigate and take legal action if it finds a retailer has unreasonably inflated gas prices.

On September 11, the North Dakota National Air Guard conducted air patrol sorties over the nation's Capitol. The 119<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard has a permanent station in the Washington D.C. area. An alert continues for all National Guard resources. Yesterday, the Air Guard provided an F-16 Falcon fighter jet to transport the New York state emergency management director from a National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) meeting in Montana to his home state.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is operating on a 24-hour basis and is staffed by personnel from the North Dakota National Guard and North Dakota Emergency Management and other state agencies as required.

Governor Hoeven announced that N.D. Highway 200 over the Garrison Dam reopened today for local traffic. The N.D. Highway Patrol will continue to provide security and monitor vehicles near the dam.

The Highway Patrol is assisting the U.S. Air Force Bases at Minot and Grand Forks with traffic control. Traffic delays are resulting from inspection requirements under Force Protection Delta (Threatcon Delta). Force Protection Delta is the highest security status. Troopers report that traffic in Minot has been backed up five miles

on U.S. Highway 83. In Grand Forks, traffic is backed up along a county road leading to the base and for up to one mile on the westbound lane of U.S. Highway 2.

The N.D. Department of Health issued an advisory to the state's health care providers requesting that they monitor any unusual disease occurrences, disease syndromes/clusters or significant increase in patient activity. The memo indicated that there had been no reported incidents of biological or chemical terrorism activities related to the recent terrorist events. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an alert as a follow-up to the recent activity.

Grand Forks city and county officials conducted a second briefing on September 11 to review security measures and other activities. Meeting participants also included the American Red Cross, Altru Hospital, Northeast Human Service Center, Xcel Energy, North Dakota Highway Patrol and University of North Dakota (UND) police. UND is maintaining a normal schedule of classes but has heightened security at key locations. Security measures are also in place at the city water treatment plant, Altru Hospital and at Xcel Energy facilities. A Grand Forks Bomb Squad inspected a Northwest Airlines plane and found no security risk. Northwest Airlines has sheltered passengers at local motels in Grand Forks.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: As indicated.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: As indicated.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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